



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 18, 2003

HECB to meet in Pullman, hear from WSU president

OLYMPIA- Washington State University President V. Lane Rawlins will address the Higher Education Coordinating Board on "Benchmarks for Success" during the board's September 24 meeting in Pullman.

Rawlins is expected to talk about WSU's strategic plan, as well as efforts to develop benchmarks as a way of judging the university's progress in areas ranging from the quality of undergraduate education to faculty, staff and student diversity, to research funding and performance.

During the meeting, the board also will discuss the 2004 Strategic Master Plan, which is the state's policy blueprint for higher education in Washington. An interim plan is due to the Legislature in mid-December, and the final version will be completed in June 2004.

The 10-member citizen board also is expected to adopt permanent rules related to two new laws that were enacted this year by the Legislature and Gov. Gary Locke. One measure expands the state's Educational Opportunity Grant to all 39 counties, and the other allows certain students who are not permanent residents or U.S. citizens to pay resident tuition rates at the state's public colleges and universities.

Also on the agenda is a discussion with representatives from several colleges and universities on the final report on branch campuses by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. The institute released its findings on the state's five branch campuses in July. The University of Washington operates branches at Bothell and Tacoma; Washington State University has branches in Spokane, the Tri-Cities and Vancouver.

The HECB meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 24, at the Smith Center for Undergraduate Education, Room 518, on Grimes Way in Pullman. The meeting is open to the public.

Briefing materials on agenda items are available at: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/boardmtgs/index.asp>

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board

What: September regular meeting

**Where: Smith Center for Undergraduate Education, Room 518
Grimes Way, Pullman**

**When: Wednesday, September 24
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

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PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Washington State University
Smith Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE), Room 518
Grimes Way, Pullman 99164
Sept. 24, 2003

Times are approximate

9:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions
• Bob Craves, HECB Chair

“Benchmarks for Success”
• WSU President V. Lane Rawlins

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Adoption of July Meeting Minutes
Adoption of 2004 Meeting Calendar
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Resolution # 03-

New Degree Programs for Approval

- **BA in Digital Technology and Culture, WSU** *Resolution # 03-23*
- **PhD in Digital Arts and Experimental Media, UW** *Resolution # 03-24*

Adoption of Permanent Rules - Educational Opportunity Grant
Resolution # 03-25

Adoption of Permanent Rules - Student Residency
Resolution # 03-26

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Status Report: Notification of Intent**
- **HECB Agency Budget Request - 2004 Supplemental Budget**
Resolution # 03-27

10:30 a.m. Institutional Responses to Report on Branch Campuses by the
Institute for Public Policy HECB staff briefing

Washington State

12:00 noon Lunch
No official business will be conducted.

2 p.m. Update on Strategic Master Plan HECB
staff briefing

2:45 p.m. Updates on Administration of Grants
• **Rural Areas Grant - Jefferson County**
• **Child Care**
Training Pilot Projects *Resolution # 03-28*
• **Teacher**

Promise Scholarship - Proposed Rules Change HECB
staff briefing

PUBLIC COMMENT

3:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

If you are a person with disability and require an accommodation for attendance, or need this agenda in an alternative format, please call the HECB at (360) 753-7800 as soon as possible to allow us sufficient time to make arrangements

HECB 2003 Meeting Calendar

Date	Location
Oct. 29, Wed.	State Investment Board, Board Room , Olympia
Dec. 3, Wed.	South Puget Sound C.C. Bldg. 22, Room 200A